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Liberal leader Smith attacks racists

Excerpts of the speech by Dr. Stuart Smith - Ontario Liberal Leader Ontario Liberal Party Annual Meeting.

As a Liberal, and as a human being, I have been deeply disturbed, as I know you have been, to see some of the racial incidents which have been occurring in Toronto and elsewhere, generally involving our East-Asian community but not only them, I am very upset by this. It is so discouraging to feel that, after years in which one minority or another would be called names on the street and made the butt of jokes and victim of violence, we have to go through this all over again with our East Indian and Pakistani people as they join our society. We Liberals must speak out against this wherever we are. It is important that we do that because, even though we may not think that our voices, our letters to the editor, our comments in Church or in our clubs, are very important, the people who are suffering this form of discrimination today feel very frightened and very much alone in this new country. They have to be told clearly that the vast majority of us are their friends, that we welcome them, that we look forward to the contribution they will make and appreciate the contribution they have already made to this country. We welcome them as Canadians, we will stand by their side and protect their rights. They have to know that.

In this country, and especially in this province, we have rejected the melting-pot thesis of the United States. Although we respect the Americans and their right to conduct their affairs as they please, we have rejected the melting-pot and we prefer to retain the richness of various cultural groups that make up what has been called the "mosaic" of our country. As Liberals, of course, if there is anything we rejoice in, it is diversity.

Minister for Indians abroad?

Bombay, March 10 (Samachar): An Indian settled in Britain has suggested appointment of a full-fledged minister to look after the interests of Indians abroad.

Dr. Dhani Ram Prem, a medical practioner and a liberal member of British Parliament since 1974, says the minister would keep in touch with Indians in different countries and with various department in India. In this he could be assisted by a committee of Indians drawn from Britain, East Africa and other countries "which have become the permanent homes of Indians settled there".

Dr. Prem feels that Indo - British relations are influenced by what happens to Indians in Britain.

"In my opinion, it is important for India to have strong friendly relations with Britain.

He says another matter in which Indians overseas could help is public relations. At present there is a lot of anti-India propaganda in Britain. The media is against the Indians.

"If we try, we can exploit the goodwill of the Indian community to beat anti-India feeling," he suggests. Dr. Prem also wants the Indians abroad to be "given opportunities to participate in the life of the country, the elections and the selection of candidates.

An election poster in New Delhi.

Key constituencies and key contests

By Our Correspondent

PUNJAB

1. Tarn Taran: G.S. Dhillon, Union Minister for Shipping and Transport (Cong.) Mohan Singh Tur (Akali Dal - Janata support).
2. Jullundur: Sardar Swaran Singh, former Union Minister (Cong.) Iqbal Singh Dhillon (Akali Dal).
3. Hoshiarpur: Darbara Singh (Cong.) Vs Balbir Singh (Janata).
4. Ropar (SC): Buta Singh, Union Minister Vs Basant Singh (Akali Dal).

RAJASTHAN

5. Bharatpur: Raj Bahadur, former Union Minister, (Vs 2 Independents).

KERALA

6. Cannanore: C.K. Chandrappan (CPI), Father Vadakkan (Ind) and O. Bharathan (CPM).
7. Calicut: Dr. V.A. Seyid Mohammad, Union Minister of State for Law, (Cong) Mrs. M. Kamalam (Janata).
8. Mukundapuram: A.C. George, Union Minister of State for Commerce (Cong) (4 Independents).
9. Ernakulam: Dr. Henry Austin (Cong), K.N. Ravindranath (CPM).
10. Mavelikara: B.G. Verghese (IND), B.K. Nair (Cong).
11. Trivandrum: M.N. Govinden Nair (CPI), P. Vishambharan (Janata).

MAHARASHTRA

12. Satara: Y.B. Chavan, Union Foreign Minister, (Cong), N.J. Lavangare (Janata).
13. Godhra: H.K. Desai (Cong), Piloo Modi (Janata).
14. Surat: Morarji Desai (Janata), J.D. Chauhan (Cong).

JAMMUN AND KASHMIR

15. Anantnag: Mohd. Shafi Qureshi, Union Minister (Cong).
16. Udhampur: Dr. Karan Singh, Union Health Minister (Cong), O.P. Saraj (Janata).

DELHI

17. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Jana Sangh President (Janata), Shashi Bhushan (sitting M.P.).
18. Charanjit Singh (Cong), V.K. Malhotra, former Chief Executive Counsillor (Janata).
19. H.K.L. Bhagat (Cong), Kishore Lal (BLD).

ASSAM

20. Nowgog: D.K. Barooah, Congress President (Cong), Indreswal Goswami (Janata).

HARYANA

21. Bhiwani: Bansi Lal, Union Defence Minister (Cong), Mrs. Chandra Vati (Janata).

UTTAR PRADESH

22. Lucknow: H.N. Bahuguna, Former U.P. Chief Minister (Janata), Sheila Kaul (Cong).
23. Rae Bareli: Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister, Raj Narayan (Janata).
24. Pratapgarh: Dinesh Singh, Former Minister (Cong), R.N.S. Yadav (Janata).
25. Amethi: Sanjay Gandhi (Cong), Rajindra Pratap Singh (Janata).
26. Baghpat: Charan Singh, Vice Chairman, Janata Party (Janata), Ram Chandra Vakal.

KARNATAKA

29. Bangalore: K. Hanumanthaiya (Cong), K.S. Hedge (Janata).
30. Uduppi: T.A. Pai, Union Minister for Industries (Cong), Dr. V.S. Acharya (Janata).

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31. Malda: Pranab Mukerjee, Union Minister (Cong), D.C. Joardar (CPM).
32. Diamond: Jyotirmony Bosu (CPM), Biren Mahanti (Cong).

MADHYA PRADESH

33. Raipur: V.C. Shukla, Information Minister (Cong), P. Kaushik (Janata).
34. Durg: Mohan Dharia (Janata), C. Chandrakar (Cong).
35. Bhopal: S.D. Sharma, Union Communication Minister (Cong), Arif Beg (Janata).

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36. Palani: C. Subramaniam, Union Finance Minister (Cong), Saminathan (DMK).

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37. Muzaffarpur: George Fernandez (Janata), N.P. Singh (janata).
38. Samastipur: Karpoori Thakur (Janata), Y.P. Mandal (Cong).
39. Banka: Madhu Limaye (Janata), C.S. Singh (Cong).
40. Begusarai: Mrs. Tarakeshwari Sinha (Cong), S.N. Misra (Janata).
41. Buxar: A.P. Sharma, Union Minister (Cong), R.N. Tiwary (Janata).
42. Sasaram (SC): Jagjivan Ram (Janata), Mungeri Lal (Cong).

Indo-Iran atomic pact signed

Bombay, March 10 (Samachar): India and Iran signed an agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The agreement was signed by Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation Chief, Akbar Etemad and India's Atomic Energy Commission Chairman H.N. Sethna.

Dr. Etemad and Dr. Sethna told newsmen the agreement would cover a wide field providing for the exchange of scientific information, scientists and technicians.

Dr. Etemad said India had facilities for training Iranian technicians and more programmes could be taken up later.

Sanjay shot

New Delhi, March 15: There was attempt on Sanjay Gandhi's life yesterday.

Five shots were made at the jeep he was in. None of them hit Mr. Gandhi.

Late reports suggest that the incident has been staged.

Some Campaign Posters along Parliament Street in New Delhi.

Satellite link with 35 nations

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): India will have a direct satellite link with 35 countries being served at present by Intelsat IV over Indian Ocean, including the non-aligned nations in the area having earth stations.

Communications Ministry Secretary S.M. Agarwal said in a television interview that of the 38 countries working with the Indian Ocean satellite, 19 are non-aligned countries. India has already direct satellite links with 14 countries, seven of them non-aligned.

Jaipur on TV map

Jaipur, March 13 (Samachar): Jaipur was put on India's TV map with the inauguration of a television centre here March 1.

At present, there are 10 such centres in different parts of the country. Five more are expected to be set up in three months.

Sanskrit congress

Madras, March 10 (Samachar): The third World Sanskrit Conference will begin in Paris from June 20, Dr. V. Raghavan, President of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies announced.

The participants at the six-day meet will discuss various aspects of Sanskrit in regard with other languages as well as Sanskrit source material. The last such conference was held in Turin, Italy two years ago.

Campaign warms up

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): The preliminaries having been completed, the election campaign has warmed up throughout the country.

Reports from different states indicate the contests this time are keener than ever before. This stems from the opposition parties coming together and striking seat adjustments which have left the ruling Congress and the Janata Party as the main contenders in the field.

A feature of the campaign is the mobilisation of the country's youth, especially by the Congress. Thousands of youngsters have spread out to constituencies for canvassing. A fallout has been popular enthusiasm for the elections, which is expected to trigger a heavier turnout on the polling days.

Most national leaders are already engrossed in the heat of the battle. Because of the intensity of the flight, both the opposition and the congress have come to place greater reliance on door-to-door canvassing than on public meetings. Exceptions are hilly states like Himachal Pradesh where houses are scattered.

Leading candidates in these areas are being provided with jeeps.

Although the declaration of the internal emergency loomed as an election issue immediately after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi announced the poll, the issue now seems to be fading, being supplanted by themes like political instability, danger of dictatorship and restoration of civil liberties.

The Opposition has been hammering away at the theme that a vote to the Congress would be a blow against democracy and the Congress at the theme that a vote to the Janata Party would be a vote for instability.

Ramayana for American children

Hyderabad, March 12 (Samachar): An Indian film maker, Bapu, has prepared a kit narrating the classic story of Ramayana through a short film strip, a casette tape providing commentary and a pictorial book.

The pictorial Ramayana, produced under the auspices of the Samskriti International, tells the tale in English, French and Spanish. Each set, packed in a small engraved wooden case costs $50. A spokesman of the organisation says it has already sold 10,000 kits to some American establishments for use by school children.

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When she returns to work, the new mother is guaranteed the right to her former position or to a comparable position with no loss of seniority or benefits at the same salary.

Naturally, pregnancy does not prevent an employee from being dismissed for valid reasons not connected with pregnancy, but pregnancy alone cannot be the cause of dismissal where an employee is eligible for leave.

An expectant mother is required to give two weeks notice in writing of the day she intends to leave. She is entitled to begin her leave any time within 11 weeks before the baby's birth but she must take at least six weeks of her leave afterwards. If the employer wishes the employee to begin her leave before *she* wants to do so, the employer must prove that she is unable to perform her normal duties adequately.

The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of ensured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

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New Delhi, Mar. 16 (Samachar): The campaign for India's sixth general elections is now over and the polling has begun.

All eyes are fixed on the populous northern state of Uttar Pradesh from where Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, her son Sanjay Gandhi and 13 Central Ministers are seeking election to the 542-member Lower House of Parliament. They are among the 443 candidates trying for the state's 85 seats. The Opposition luminaries in the fray include Janata Party Vice-Chairman Charan Singh and Congress for Democracy Secretary H.N. Bahuguna.

The focus of national and international attention, of course, is Rae Bareli, from where Mrs. Gandhi is seeking re-election. Challenging her is her traditional Socialist rival Raj Narain, now a nominee of the Janata Party. Also contesting from Rae Bareli are seven Independents.

Mrs. Gandhi has described the Janata Party as an alliance of the extreme right and extreme left forces who have never talked of what they did in the past nor what they would do in future.

On the other hand, "we have aligned with all those who believe in our policies and programmes for the uplift of the poor. This combination is pledged to implement socialist programmes," he said.

Opposition leader Jayaprakash Narayan has said the coming election would be the most important factor in the country's future course. The issue at stake was the very continuance of India as a democratic country.

Rising demand for machines

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): The rising trend in the export of Indian made non-electric machinery in recent years promises considerable growth potential in the coming years according to an official survey.

Export of these had risen from Rs. 90.5 crores ($100 million) in 1974-75 to Rs. 108 crores ($120 million) in the subsequent year. In the first half of the current financial year exports of these totalled Rs. 54.4 crores ($60 million) compared to 53 crores ($58.6 million) in the corresponding period last year.

Growth in exports was particularly noticeable in the first half in respect of power generating and metal working machines. Earnings from the first were about Rs.16.14 crores ($17.9 million).

Non-electric power generating machinery which earned last year over Rs. 29 crores ($.32 million) is stated to be heading for larger earnings during the current year.

Boilers and components have found increasing acceptance in countries like Canada, Iran, Mauritius, Dubai, Britain and Malaysia.

In recent years India has supplied complete boiler house plants to Indonesia and Thailand besides a variety of internal combustion engines valued at Rs. 27.9 crores ($31 million) last year and Rs. 15.5 crores ($17.2 million) in the last six months.

Indian metal-working machinery which accounts for substantial part of the overseas demand for Indian machines in generating increasing demand in countries like the United States, Canada, West Germany, Sri Lanka, Britain, Rumania, the Phillippines and Australia. Tanzania has bought substantial number of drilling machines from India. Poland and Australia and other countries. Tanzania is also buying a good deal of continuous casting machines and Iran rolling mill components.

Foreign funds banned

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): The government has imposed a ban on 106 organisations, including 3" trade unions, against accepting foreign contributions without its permission, it was announced here.

The announcement said the government considered these organisations were engaged in activities of political nature.

All the major central trade unions including the Indian National Trade Congress and the All India Trade Union Congress, are among the 37 listed in the announcement. The Indian Youth Congress and the National Students Union of India figures in the list of student bodies. The National federation of India Women is among the six women organisations. The miscellaneous agencies include Muslim Majlise-Mushwarat, the All India Sarwa Sewa Sangh, the Nag Vidarbha Andolan Samiti, the Dravida Kazhagam and the Dalit Panthers.

New earth station opened

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated India's second earth station at Dehradun with a telephone call to her French counterpart Raymond Barre on the direct satellite link to Paris. The earth station has been named after the late Indian President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

Conveying her greetings to M. Barre in French, Mrs. Gandhi said, "a new relationship is growing between our two nations".

"You have shown understanding of our problems of nation-building and stood by us in our difficulties. In turn, we have welcomed France's endeavour to defuse international tensions through reason and sobriety."

Mrs. Gandhi said, "economic cooperation, trade and cultural agreements are essential but even more important is meeting of minds, exchange of ideas, which makes human existence more meaningful."

She said technology must be used for this greater task of common exploration of ideas.

In reply, M. Barre said his country and India shared several ideals for peaceful progress of all nations. The Indo-French cooperation was an example for the rest of the world, he added.

Planning on energy

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): Education Minister Nurul Hasan called for total planning for the development and utilisation of energy in the country with particular stress on renewable resources of energy.

Inaugurating a three-day international symposium on bio-conversion of cellulosic substances into energy, chemicals and microbial protein at the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, Prof. Hasan said since conventional sources of energy, like soil and coal, would get depleted soon, it is necessary to produce energy from renewable sources like cellulosic substances.

TN poll planned

Madurai, March 8 (Samachar): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told the people of Tamil Nadu that elections to the State Assembly would be held as soon as it was possible to do so.

The Prime Minister made this statement while opening a two-day campaign tour of the state. The state came under President's Rule in February, last year.

J.P.'s appeal to independents

Bombay, Mar. 8 (Samachar): Sarvodaya Leader Jayaprakash Narayan appealed to independent candidates and others claiming to represent parties and contesting the coming Lower House poll to withdraw to make it a straight contest between the ruling Congress and the Janata Party.

28 per cent increase in plan outlay

New Delhi, March 13 (Samachar): The Plan outlay for 1977-78 will be Rs. 10,000 crore ($11,110 million) - 28 per cent more than the current year's investment of Rs. 7,852 crore ($8725 million). The outlay finalised for the next year comprises Rs. 5,100 crore ($5660 million) of the Central Plan and Rs. 4,900 crore ($5444 million) for States and Union Territories.

These figures were given at a press conference March 2 by Finance Minister C. Subramaniam.

He said that next year's outlay on agriculture would be Rs.1,120 crore ($1255 million) - a 40 per cent increase over the current year's Rs 800 crore ($880 million).

The outlay on irrigation would be Rs. 900 crore ($1000 million) on power Rs. 1,900 crore ($2110 million) as against the current year's figures of Rs. 687 crore ($760 million) and Rs 1,450 crore ($1610 million) respectively.

The allocation for the Oil and Natural Gas Commission next year would be Rs. 476 crore ($529 million).

Defence production this year would be worth Rs. 750 crore ($833 million) as against Rs. 400 crore ($444 million) in 1974-75.

The Finance Minister said that along with investment in the public sector, the private sector investments had also gone up. This was indicated by the figures of lending by financial institutions to private industry.

For instance, the Agricultural Refinance Corporation disbursed Rs. 185 crore ($205 million) in 1976/77 and proposed to give Rs. 260 crore ($290 million) in 1977-78 as against the disbursement of only about Rs. 100 crore ($110 million) in 1974-75.

Mr. Subramaniam also said that the foreign exchange component of the plan next year would be Rs. 900 crore ($1000 million) as against about Rs. 570 crore ($610 million) in the current year.

Rise in exchange reserves

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar) -- India's foreign exchange reserves touched a new peak of Rs. 2,484 crore ($2,760 million) in the middle of last month showing an increase of more than 400 per cent from July 1975 when the level of reserves was only Rs. 554 crore ($615 million).

Assembly elections in Kerala

By Our Correspondent

Kerala is the only state which went to the polls along with the national elections to elect members of the Legislative Assembly as well. The twice extended term of the Assembly expires on April 21.

Two other states which continue to be under President's rule are Tamil Nadu and Nagaland. Their term has been extended further, by one year. The Rajya Sabha was specially convened to fulfill the statutory requirement of voting extension on February 28.

The Rajya Sabha adjourned on the opening day after adopting a resolution condoling the death of the late Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, former President of India.

Kerala has 11,350,840 electorates in its 20 parliamentary and 140 Assembly constituencies. In the state 10,688 polling stations were set up so that no voter was required to travel more than 3 Km to cast his vote.

Joint ventures with Australia

Calcutta, March 10 (Samachar): Indian manufacturers should explore the possibility of setting up joint ventures in collaboration with their counterparts in Australia, New Zealand in countries of South-East Asia, West Asia and Africa.

This suggestion has been made by a delegation of the Engineering Export Promotion Council in its report after a visit to Australia and New Zealand.

The report says there is a paucity of skilled and unskilled labour in both the countries, which are currently looking for collaborators who can provide manpower for setting up such joint ventures in developing countries.

The delegation is of the view that current imports of engineering goods by the developing countries of West Asia, account for Rs. 4,500 crore ($5,000 million). Assuming an annual growth rate of 5 per cent, the imports are bound to increase further substantially in the near future.

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A TIME FOR ACTION --3

In the last two editorials we discussed the type of action required in the political and media areas. Now we move on to the schools.

If one examines the incidence of violence against East Indians almost all those who expressed themselves that way were young people. This being the case, it would be necessary to concentrate some attention on schools as a preventive measure. Also such an approach will have a long term effect.

The provincial governments, the school boards, teacher organizations and volunteer organizations can play a most useful role here. Provincial governments and school boards need be presented with briefs urging them to initiate programs that will help native born children in particular to understand and appreciate the multiracial society in which they are living. Similarly curricula in our schools often tend to help teach prejudice rather than reduce it. School text books often contain no positive reference to coloured people and their cultures. These books are prepared in such a way as to boost the white man's ego. Parents of school children should go through the Social Science text books their children use and bring up the instances of prejudicial remarks or the lack of any information at all on certain cultures to the attention of school boards.

Though rather impractical to suggest in these days of cutbacks in the number of teachers, whenever possible more teachers from the East Indian group should be hired.

Another effective and comparatively inexpensive way to approach the students is through their teachers. Indian organizations should organize carefully and well planned orientation seminars for teachers in order to expose them to our culture. Extreme care should be taken to see that the approach does not backfire. If successful (perhaps use a questionaire to evaluate the success) the teachers can then pass on what they learned to the youngsters.

There are many volunteer organizations in schools in which the parents can join. Also there are many volunteer or non-profit organizations which will be interested in working with school children. In Ottawa recently the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews brought together about 80 head boys and head girls of various schools to discuss racism. There are many more worthwhile suggestions one can come up with if one is interested.

We have waited long enough without doing much about the problem - hoping it will go away if ignored. Instead of going away, the problem has been growing. Let us realize that action is needed, and needed now.

Coast guard at Rameswaram

Madras, March 10 (Samachar): A detachment of a newly-formed coast guard force would soon be posted at Rameswaram along the southeastern coast of Tamil Nadu to ensure that Indian fishermen and others do not violate the maritime boundary between India and Sri Lanka and "generally give them a sense of security."

Vice-Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral V.A. Kamath told newsmen recently that the maritime boundary with Sri Lanka was "particularly difficult one to maintain" as traditionally fishing communities on both sides had been utilising intervening waters freely. But with the maritime boundary demarcation now complete, it was necessary to ensure that the boundary is respected on both sides, he said.

Vice Adm Kamath, who is also the Officer on Special Duty, Naval Coast Guard Cell, said some 5.87 lakh square miles of sea area along the Indian coast came under the coast guards jurisdiction, and its main duty would be policing of various maritime zones to enforce national laws relating to shipping, fishing, pollution, immigration and fiscal matters.

J.P. operated

Bombay, March 10 (Samachar): Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan, who underwent an operation February 26, will now be put on dialysis, a spokesman of Jaslok Hospital, where he has been admitted, said.

The operation had to be carried out to rectify a blood clot in the vein-artery shunt introduced in his leg to facilitate dialysis.

Letters

Need to strengthen Human Rights Bill

Last month the House of Commons gave their second reading to Bill C-25, the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The bill will hopefully counteract incidents of racism and other illegitimate forms of discrimination being practised in our country. The Justice Minister — Hon. Ron Basford, admits that no single piece of legislation can autonatically, at the stroke of a pen, wipe out racism and discrimination overnight or change the deep-seated social attitudes, prejudices or hatred.

The anti-discrimination provisions of Bill C-25 declare the following to be prohibited grounds of discrimination: race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, a conviction for which a pardon has been granted, and physical handicap for employment, where the handicap does not affect job performance.

It is intersting to point out here that Part I of the Canada Labour Code does not cover the public servants in any way. Nor does the Code cover discrimination by age, sex, marrital status or physical handicap. Bill C-25 will plug these loopholes in the Labour Code.

However, Bill C-25 "does not cover certain recognized grounds of discrimination, such as political opinions, social circumstances, sexual orientation or illegitimacy — which is a life - long stigma!"

Furthermore, although the bill contains a measure prescribing the dissemination of hate over the telephone, but it does not apply in the case of communications on radio or television.

The enforcement of the provisions of the bill will be carried out under the proposed legislation by a Human Rights Commission. The Commission will have wide powers including the power to establish tribunals able to impose severe financial penalties. It is gratifying to note that the Commission is to be empowered among other things to play a role in public education and research. It is proposed that the work of the Commission will be conciliation rather than prosecution.

It is unclear at present as to how the Human Rights Commission members will be appointed. What will be their desirable qualifications? Will the Treasury Board give the Commission the personnel and adequate resources to carry out its mandate? Will the Human Rights Commission become another part of the existing bureaucracy?

The proposed Bill C-25 also gives too much importance to regulations the Governor in Council may make in future. Recently a House of Commons committee made up of members from all the different parties came to the unanimous conclusion that all too often when high ranking civil servants are allowed to enact regulations, they cause abuses and breach the fundamental rights as envisaged by the members of parliament. What safeguards do we have against such future actions pertaining to the provisions of the act?

Perhaps what we need is a Federal Ombudsman first! Let us hope that the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs will provide the necessary amendments in order to strengthen the weak sections of the proposed Canadian Human Rights Act during its study srage. Surely, the will of the people must prevail over the whim of the burcaucrats!

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Is Toronto becoming a Chicago?

When I get a handful of news about Racism in Toronto my heart aches. When everything else as science, art and philosophy are improving, it is a pity that humanity is still remaining at a barbarian stage. At the moment a sudden hatred towards East Indians is springing up.

If one analyses the History of India it will be seen that many people of the world, like Greeks, Mughals, and the British, invaded the country and enjoyed its valuables. I still remember the life I had during the second World War. India gave everything the last grain to the British who dragged her into the war. I could never forget the pile of ration cards and how many breakfasts and lunches we had to sacrifice!

Canadians should understand the value of East Indians. To make this a success East Indians also should cooperate. Let us see the following points:

1. why Canadians say "Push the Paki" and attack East Indians?
2. Who are actually East Indians?
3. Does this have any connection with the politics?
4. Does this have any connection with the religion, social status?

We Indians from India are people of different castes and have different ways of worshipping God. It is time for us to understand the realities of life and its philosophy. We are all in Canada and we should learn the meaning of the word 'unity'. Let us have common functions whether we are Bengalis, Malayalis, Gujaratis, Tamils, or Punjabis. When we celebrate a religious function we should try to invite our Canadian neighbours and treat them as our guests.

But those who are here in Canada should adopt a higher philosophy. We should follow what Sankaracharya, Ramakrishna Parama Hamsa, and Vivikanada has taught us about religion and rituals. Further if we are unable to do away with rituals, at least we can simplify them. They will enjoy doing things for us and at the same time know the truth about our worships.

Also we should remember the value of smiling. In puranas (mythology) it is said that the most valuable jewel for a woman is her smile. We should learn to smile. Once I went to Toronto for a function arranged by Bharathi Kala Mantram. I felt really sorry when I didn't get a return smile from the majority of ladies I saw!

We also should know the different style of living in this country. We don't need strong spices here for our food. The mild use of Canadian curry powder or a little cinamon powder in place of Garam Masala are more than enough for our foods in Canada.

We should also think what 'extra' sacrifice we are doing to our father country Canada apart from paying income tax, school tax, property tax, water tax, etc. Whenever we perform a religious function let us contribute five per cent of our total expense to any charity in Canada. Or let us gather money and build hospitals, schools or any other public buildings which are useful to our Canadian brothers and sisters.

Canadians are good people. They really want to share our art, culture, food and last but not least our love. It is unfortunate to note that they are making jokes about "pakis". All jokes about Pakis are connected with death for the Paki! It is a surprise to note that those who are afraid of death, are making jokes. *Paki jokes are ugly* and no normal healthy person will laugh at them. When I went to Chicago, I was told that I can't go out for a walk after 7 p.m. because it was unsafe. Is Toronto following the same pattern?

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Montreal.

Young Asian in the western world

Many young Asian immigrants who come to a modern, western, technological city to improve their lot find themselves in a state of confusion. They emigrate here with a set of religious, moral, ethical, social and political values. In coming to an affluent western world the young Asian's senses are bombarded with stimuli from all quarters.

Various pheralistic religions call out for new members. New, controversial, religious issues come to light shattering and devastating one's beliefs. Soon one begins to question the very validity of one's religion and this leads to chaos.

The media calls out to individuals to buy various products, claiming to make one a better being if the products are used. This of course is a myth. This secularizing process tends to despiritualize one and makes them materialistic and irreligious. Many young Asians are tempted to fall into this very seducing trap.

Technology has produced a rapid-transit way of life in the West. Telecommunications have increased yet personal communication has decreased. Humans are becoming conforming robots in all aspects. Asians should not fall into this mold of mechanization.

Family life is disrupted because of modernization in the western world. The extended rural family now becomes a burden economically. Instead of producing large families (needed as farm labor) one has a 3 to 5 family membership in the west. The high cost of living and education discourages the growth of large families. Therefore the pill is utilized whereas it was not believed in, in Asia.

Dating, marriage and family patterns in the West have also affected the young Asian. Some of them unable to cope with the conflicting patterns of life are being assimilated into the Western way of life. There are others who are attempting to maintain their ethnicity by attending Asian, ethnic, cultural and social clubs.

Young Asians amidst all this chaos should attempt to be strong and sort out the relevant and meaningful beliefs that are presented to them thus enabling them to live in harmony with others in the western world.

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BASE POLICIES ON AID.

Bangalore, March 12 (Samachar): Developing countries should not formulate their foreign policies on the basis of aids, according to India's former Foreign Secretary T.N. Kaul. Instead, they should strive hard for self-reliance and co-operation with the other developing countries.

Speaking on Indian Foreign Policy at Bangalore University last week, Mr. Kaul said aid was a misnomer for grants.

Stopping the honkey menace

By Dr. Thomas Jones

I wonder if you would find very many Hoskins so sympathetic to Pakis as I happen to be. This is mainly because of the long years I spent getting tanned in India, while teaching English literature at various universities from Madras to Delhi in the late 50's and early 60's.

I have been very much concerned by the "Paki-busting" that is still going on unabated in Toronto and other Canadian cities, as reported from time to time in the media and especially in the irrepressible India Times. As everyone who has observed the phenomenon knows, the image of the religiously passive and long-suffering East Indian stirs the bullying instincts of the Anglo-Saxon hoodlum, especially when the latter finds himself in desperate straits because of current economic conditions. Meanwhile the media, always looking for something sensational to report, seems to be promoting Paki-busting as a popular game (bear-baiting, cockfights, and other sports being considered not fashionable), spreading the impression that East Indians are not fighting back because they are "chicken". The establishment could not care less as long as their values, interests or skins are not in peril. A Chief of Police, for example, would like you to simply watch these shows and not take part in them and get hurt, except, of course, when one of his boys is in trouble.

As a passionate observer of this cruel game, it seems to me there are ways of stopping it if only the East Indian community would stir itself out of its lethargy and determine to do something about a continuing situation in which each member or at least his wife and children are surely going to get hurt some time or other.

VIOLENCE A "NO-NO":

But meeting violence with violence is not the answer, except in individual cases of self-defence although if there were a few really spectacular or horrifying incidents of Indians roughing up whites, the media would be urged to give them equal time and exposure and soon a certain fear might pervade the white community, especially among hoodlums, so that the next time you got out of your car in a plaza or street corner, instead of cries of "Paki" coming as if from nowhere there would be a deathly silence. If you listened closely you might even hear kids whispering "You know one of them guys had a friend of ours chopped up like cole slaw and thrown in the garbage." But there is a more cultured way of meeting this threat than by use of force.

CRY-BABIES

But the cultured way is not by playing cry-baby. If you go to the police complaining that somebody called you "Paki" or even jostled you or pushed you in the subway, they are only going to laugh at you. If the police were to get involved in every little fleabite that happens in a community they would have no time left for controlling hard crime, crime that is worth much more money to them, crime that makes the headlines, and that could be chalked up to their discredit if not shown to be on the decline in surveys and statistics. Even a traffic accident worth less than $200 in damage is not worth their time investigating.

UNCLE TOMS

Is it going to help to play Uncle Tom? By this I mean doing exactly what the white community would like you to do in the circumstances. They might be telling you in effect: "You know these kids who go after the less-well-built among you or even sometimes molest a sari-clad woman or a weak-looking child because he is brown-skinned; these are well-meaning kids from good Loyalist families. They are simply looking for some harmless fun. Be a sport. Have some patience while they are growing up. And here is a grant to help you to hold some cultural functions. Invite these kids to your ethnic festivals and be nice to them, feed them your goodies, and soon they will be turning nice and saying hello to you on the streets instead of shouting epithets."

The more intellectual among us may even be persuaded to hold well-organized conferences, research and prepare briefs, especially those in-depth studies, make representations to politicians running for office, and apply for Canada Council grants to keep ourselves and the Multiculturalism people busy. But is all that work going to change the Paki image one bit or make the hoodlums lay off from the current game of Paki-busting? One doubts it.

MY PROPOSAL

The remedy that I am proposing as a cure for the malaise presently afflicting our society is a kind of shock treatment. It is borne of a lifetime of professional experience in mass communications, chiefly in the print medium. It's a cure that I sincerely believe will go to the psychological roots of the problem in the way that everything else in our society works to change social manners and mores from time to time.

As I see it, it is the Paki image of weakness that triggers the bullying instincts of our youth. But actually the cowardly one is the bully himself. The bully operates from behind your back or in gangs; attacks only those whom he judges to be weaker than himself or less likely to hit back, and thrives in the community because of the moral support he gets from his elders and the establishment who dare not come out into the open and express their inward hostility to the foreigner because they have much more to lose than mere hoodlums and thugs who are usually the down-and-out or the derelict of society. If, however, those who call the tune in regard to our social mores such as TV personalities, hockey players, and politicians could be persuaded to lend their names to a media campaign to call this Paki-busting game as what it really is, viz. cowardliness, at least to declare unequivocally that they themselves are not behind it because it is not the fashionable or "in" thing to do, I have not doubt the game would soon be over.

A POSTER CAMPAIGN

The campaign I am proposing need not be a full-scale media blitz complete with TV spots, balloons, buttons, banners, and such paraphernalia. But there has to be a catchy slogan with a clear message to it that has to be driven home almost relentlessly, viz. Paki-baiters are cowards.

The costs are not prohibitive. One 5 ft. by 4 ft. billboard erected for one month at half the subway stations of Toronto costs only about $1,700. Add to it about $300 for the design and production services of an advertising agency. It has, of course, to be a professional job, not an amateur effort in poor English which will only draw down ridicule or at best be merely ignored. The shock treatment will consist in the wording of the message. A first draft might read something like this:

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Only the scum of our society would attack, insult or harass a fellow human being such as a "Pakistani".

And they always pick on people smaller or less numerous than themselves, especially women.

Be a courteous Canadian, not a cowardly canuck.

Endorsed by: Bobby Esposito, Anne-Marie, Lady Sexpot, Principal of Trueblue Collegiate Institute, etc., etc.

When an advertising agency recently came out with the line Mary Brown has the best legs in town to promote the Mary Borwn brand of fried chicken, women's libbers were naturally enraged. But our ad man refused to surrender saying: "If I really wanted to be sexist, I'd have said breasts instead of legs." Surely some resourceful ad man could think up a stunning slogan to characterize Paki-busting as cowardly.

WHO WILL BELL THE CAT?

An organization such as The Council for Racial Harmony (Box 202, Station "J", Toronto) could take it up as one of their projects, or this writer is willing to undertake it as a project under his wing. In either case, moral support and financial help have to come from the East Indian community. It does not make sense for one individual to spend money in a popular cause unless he is fabulously rich. However, this writer's services would be entirely free of charge with absolutely no administrative or other expenses or fees because of time and labour involved. Only services and facilities bought from third parties would have to be paid for, chiefly billboard space rented from the Toronto Transit Commission.

Let us, therefore, hear from the East Indian community, either through the Council for Racial Harmony at the address given above or through the India Times, the national voice of Indo-Canadians.

Sixty per cent likely to vote

New Delhi, March 13 (Samachar): Over 60 per cent of the 318 million voters will go to the polls on March 16 in the first round of election to the Lower Houses.

The first day poll will involve 191,263,763 voters in 300 constituencies, spread over 21 states and nine Union territories. Polling will be completed in eight states and seven Union territories the same day.

They are Andhra Pradesh (42 seats), Haryana (10), Himachal Pradesh (4), Meghalaya (2), Orissa (21), Punjab (13), Tripura (2), West Bengal (42), Andaman and Nicobar Islands (1), Chandigarh (1), Dadra Nagar Haveli (1), Delhi (7), Goa, Daman and Diu (2), Lakshadweep (1) and Poudichery (1).

The only state which does not figure in the first day poll is Kerala, where all the 20 parliamentary and the 140 assembly constituencies will go to the polls on March 19. The electorate involved is 11,350,840.

On March 18, the second day polling will be completed in Bihar and 15 U.P. constituencies, and there will be partial polling in 30 U.P. constituencies, and the Nagaland constituencies. The voters are 30 million.

On March 19, along with Kerala 64.5 million voters in 10 other states and two Union territories will go to the polls. With this, polling will be completed in all the states and Union territories except Bihar and U.P.

The fourth and last round of polling on March 20 will cover 16 Bihar and 10 U.P. constituencies and 16 partial constituencies of U.P. involving a total electorate of 21 million.

Journalist Verghese opposes Congress

By George Mathew

New Delhi: Down south in Kerala state the focus is on Mavelikara constituency in the central Travancore where a journalist is in the fray for the restoration of "decency in politics and freedom of the press."

B. George Verghese, a Marthomite by birth, was formerly Press Secretary to the Prime Minister and Editor of the Hindustan Times. He is seeking election to the Lok Sabha as an independent supported by the opposition against the Congress candidate Balakrishnan Nair.

A committee of journalists and friends to uphold the freedom of the Press in New Delhi has launched a campaign to raise funds for Mr. Verghese. A resolution adopted by the committee said: "We support Mr. Verghese and wish him all success in his fight for a cause dear to all journalists and citizens concerned about democracy and freedom of the Press."

B. George Verghese

Mr. Verghese, winner of the Magsaysay Award for Journalism in 1975, is known for his highest professional standard, integrity and independent thinking. He had to quit as Editor of the Birla-controlled Hindustan Times in a lost battle against the Proprietors and the Government to uphold the freedom of the Press and independence of the Editor.

The Mavelikara seat covers Kayamkulam, Ticuvalla, Kallooppara, Aranmula, Chengannur, Mavelikara and Pandalam assembly constituences with a total number of 568,185 voters. Christians with their majority in Tiruvalla, Kallooppara, Aranmula and Chengannur account for 170,000 in the constituency. They are solidly with Mr. Verghese. The 5,000 odd Brahmin voters who are Janata Party supporters and more than 100,000 Marxists voters under the EMS leadership are supporting Mr. Verghese. The Nair community with more than 125,000 voters are divided since R. Balakrishnan, leader of the break-away Kerala Congress and a former M.P. from the same constituency, is supporting Mr. Verghese. The 15,000 Muslim votes also will be divided with the division of the Muslim League.

Dr. M.M. Thomas, a former president of the World Council of Churches and lay Mar Thoma leader is campaigning for Mr. Verghese. The Mar Thoma Church traces its origin in Kerala to the arrival of St. Thomas in 50 AD. Leaders of the Church played a notable role in providing succour to the families of political detenus and formed a "Clergy Fellowship Concerned with Human Rights." This committee had the blessings of the Late Dr. Yohannon Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, who was known for his projects like "home for the homeless", "dowry fund" to help poor girls and his campaign against the dowry system.

Dr. Yohanon Mar Thoma wrote to the Prime Minister on August 25, 1976, pleading for the withdrawal of the Emergency, release of political prisoners, restoration of freedom of the Press and putting off constitutional changes during the period of Emergency. He wrote as a "lover of the Congress" and the one who appreciated the "peace and efficiency in the educational world and the prosperity in industry and agriculture." Soon after, according to a report published now, a warrant of arrest of the Metropolitan under MISA had been issued but the State Chief Minister and Home Minister prevailed on the Centre to cancel it.

Dr. M.M. Thomas and other church leaders in a statement asked the voters to exercise their franchise against the ruling Congress which will "best serve the national interest" in the coming elections. "The Elections must be seen against the background of the growth and misuse of State power as most clearly seen during the period of Emergency," the statement added.

Mr. Verghese has one handicap in his constituency. He is an outsider in the practical sense and he is not able to address the gathering in the local language, Malayalam. Observers say that V.K. Krishna Menon, who won the elections from the Trivandrum constituency had the same handicap.

Mr. Verghese, 50, was born in Burma where his father, Col. Verghese was an Army doctor. After taking his M.A. in economics from Trinity College, Cambridge, he joined the Times of India. Although he belongs to an old Mar Thomite family of Tiruvalla, he had spent most of his life outside his home state.

But with his international stature, professional image and the solid support of his community and the CPM-led opposition he is heading for success.

India to broadcast thro' satellite

Calcutta, March 13 (Samachar): India will shortly embark on broadcasting through her own satelite, All India Radio Chief Engineer S.N. Mitra said.

Speaking at a conference of radio engineers of the eastern region, Mr. Mitra said India's first home-made satelite INSAT would be launched into a geo-stationary orbit in 1980. It would be used for sound and television broadcast in a limited manner, he said.

Mr. Mitra said the International Telecommunications Union had just concluded a frequency and orbit plan for 12 satelite broadcasting centres in the world. Under the Plan, India had been assigned 48 channels through 12 beams.

He said it was proposed to cover two states through each beam to extend the services throughout the country. The plan would be in force from 15 years from January 1, 1979, he added.

No polling will be held in Sikkim and one of the two Arunachal constituencies as the Congress candidates there are unopposed.

Did detention damage J.P.'s kidneys?

By George Mathew

New Delhi: Two letters written by Jayaprakash Narayan, now released by the Janata Party, has damaged the image of the ruling Congress party in the elections.

JP. wrote the first letter to the Prime Minister on June 21, 1975 from prison. The second letter he wrote from Jaslok Hospital, Bombay, where he was admitted immediately after his release in November 1975, to the people.

"Dear brothers, sisters and young friends." Both the letters were not published at that time because of press censorship.

When these letters appeared in the Press in February, 1977 Mr. Narayan was again in Jaslok Hospital cutting all his election tour programmes due to serious illness. His recorded speech was played at these meetings in his absence to the people who listened to it in rapt attention. JP. is still the man who is revered by the masses for his sincerity of purpose and his Gandhian way of life.

His letter to the Prime Minister dealt in detail against the charges levelled against him that he was planning to paralyse the Government and also inciting the Army and Police against the Government on which he was arrested.

Explaining the genesis of the mass movement led by him Mr. Narayan said: "There was no plan to paralyse the government. If there was any plan, it was a simple, innocent and short-time plan to continue until the Supreme Court decided your appeal." (He was referring to the appeal file by Mrs. Gandhi in the Supreme Court against the judgment of the Allahabad High Court declaring her election invalid and disqualifying her from contesting elections for six years.)

About the second charge Mr. Narayan said: "As for the 'one person' who is supposed to have tried to sow disaffection in the armed and police forces, he denies the charges. All that he has done is to make the men and officers of the forces conscious of their duties and responsibilities. Whatever he has said in that connection is within the law, the Constitution, the Army Act and the Police Act."

Adding a few words of parting advice Mr. Narayan continued: "You know I am an old man. My life's work is done. And after Prabha's (his wife) going I have nothing and no one to live for. I have given all my life, after finishing education, to the country and asked for nothing in return. So I shall be content to die a prisoner under your regime.... democracy. Do not leave behind a miserable wreck of all that. It would take a long time to put all that together again. For it would be put together again, I have no doubt.

"A people who fought British imperialism, and humbled it, cannot accept indefinitely the indignity and sham of totalitarianism.

"The spirit of a man can never be vanquished no matter how deeply suppressed. In establishing your personal dictatorship you have buried it deep. But it will rise from the grave. Even in Russia it is slowly coming up....

"Dear Indiraji, please do not identify yourself with the nation. You are not immortal, India is.

"You have accused the Opposition and me of every kind of villainy. But let me assure you that if you do the right things, for instance, your 20-points, tackling corruption at ministerial levels, electoral reforms, take the Opposition into confidence, heed its advice, you will receive the willing co-operation of every one of us. For that you need not destroy democracy. The ball is in your court. It is for you to decide.

"With these parting words, let me bid you farewell. May God be with you."

In his letter to the people from his hospital bed in Bombay on November 15, 1975, Mr. Narayan said that he was "nearly dead" when he was freed from detention on November 12, 1975. He came to know of the damaged state of his kidneys only a week before his release. The physicians who examined him at the Jaslok Hospital were of the opinion that if he had gone there 15 days earlier, the functioning of the kidneys would have been partially restored.

He alleged that he had been released only when the Indira government was convinced that he would not survive for more than a few days and shared doubts expressed by his friends that his kidneys have been deliberately damaged.

He said he was arrested in New Delhi at 3 a.m. on June 26 and was taken to a rest house in Sohana in North India. His request to meet Mr. Morarji Desai, who was also brought there after arrest, at least at meal time was turned down.

Mr. Narayan went on: "I was at the rest house for only three days. During those three days, doctors who examined me discovered that I was down with a heart ailment. That was the first time that I was found to be suffering from a heart disease. I had never been a heart patient before. My health had also been generally satisfactory before I was imprisoned. But within three days of my arrest and detention, when I was medically examined, it was found that something was physically wrong with my heart. So, the doctors sent me to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, for further examination."

Mr. Narayan was later removed to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh where he spent the rest of his days under detention till November 12, 1975.

About the 130 odd days in Chandigarh Mr. Narayan said: "My life under detention at Chandigarh is a long story. I would like to say only this much now that during the 130 odd days of detention I remained completely isolated (solitary confinement). The total isolation was very painful to me. Of course, doctors, nurses and police officers used to see me but they would only enquire after my health. Beyond that there was no communication between us. There was no one with whom I could converse freely. The loneliness caused a kind of mental torture. I urged the authorities to allow me one of the many thousands arrested with me to stay with me so that I would have a congenial companion with whom to exchange ideas while in detention. But the Government did not think it proper to let me have have such a facility. In this respect, the behaviour of the Indira government has been worse than that of the foreign government. In 1943 when I was a prisoner in connection with the 1942 Movement I was kept alone and separately in Lahore. When I asked for a companion in detention the foreign government ultimately acceded to my request and allowed Ram Manohar Lohia, my colleague, to meet me for an hour daily. The present government behaved differently and strangely.

"The Government released me when it became clear that the disease I was afflicted with could not be diagnosed and that the chances of my survival were slender. ...

"I came to know of the damaged state of my kidneys only a week before my release. I did not have a kidney ailment before my arrest. Nor was I told during the four months' detention in Chandigarh that my kidneys were malfunctioning. Suddenly on November 5, 1975, I was informed that both my kidneys had stopped functioning. I could not understand how and when I became a victim of the kidney disease. I was taking all the medicines prescribed to me at Chandigarh. I was also sticking to the diet given to me in detention. So the total collapse of my kidneys was beyond my comprehension. A number of my friends have expressed a doubt which I share that my kidneys may have been deliberately damaged. But the physicians who examined and treated me in Bombay were of the opinion that if I had gone in for their treatment fifteen days earlier the functioning of the kidneys could have been partially restored. God alone knows how my kidneys were so totally affected. But this much is certain that I had been released only when the Indira government was convinced that I would not survive for more than a few days.

"As I said earlier, both my kidneys have been damaged and there is no possibility of their being restored to normal functioning. Now I am being kept alive with the aid of dialysis and I have to live and rest of my days like this....."

In order to continue the dialysis treatment at home, a dialysis was necessary and funds were needed to continue the treatment. A one-Rupee donation was collected from the public. Acharya Vinoba Bhave was the first to donate one Rupee for the fund. More than Rs 3 lakhs were collected within three weeks and the fund was declared closed thereafter. Mr. Narayan continues to be on dialysis every third day and he is reported to be in sound health in Jaslok Hospital, Bombay.

Canada praises India's progress

By Bharat P. Mathur

The Canadian Government has praised India on being well on the road to achieving her potential as a major world economic power and referred to the abiding friendship that has existed between the two countries.

Speaking at a farewell reception to Uma Shankar Bajpai, the Indian High Commissioner, Fernand Lablanc, Parliamentary Secretary to the External Affairs Minister, said that Canada had always harboured a certain sympathy for India as the first major country to emerge from colonial status into the Commonwealth after World War II and as the main exponent of the democratic way of life among other emerging states.

This sentiment alone, he added, no longer sufficed to explain Canada's desire to maintain and foster the relationship between the two countries. More and more Canadians now thought of India primarily as the globe's eleventh industrial power and a self-reliant world leader in several fields not previously associated with her in the popular imagination. That machine-tools and precision instruments produced in India today competed in world markets on an equal basis with those made in the more traditional industrial countries of Europe and America, for instance, was no longer the startling revelation that this fact might have been only a short time ago.

Over the past year or so, Mr. Lablanc pointed out, India had undergone a period of economic survival, thus propelling herself well along the road to becoming a major world power in the economic field. Canada would like to be associated with these developments, not only for reasons of sentiment but also for pragmatic considerations of self-interest. With economic expansion, India, a nation of more than 600 million people, had also gained in political significance both regionally and globally. Like any other nation with more than parochial interests, Canada had not overlooked this development.

BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

Both sides of the bilateral relationship, which might be characterised as having come of age, Mr. Lablanc said, had had to adjust to changed circumstances. It was perhaps not an unfair generalisation to say that the maturing of any relationship inevitably had its awkward moments -- however worthy and desirable the outcome. For instance, it was well-known that the two Governments had disagreed over the permissible scope for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Indians and Canadians, he said, had since come to acknowledge the reality that each nation possessed distinctive national interests and aspirations, which in the heterogeneous world they lived in did not and would not reasonably be expected to coincide in all particulars. Nonetheless, the fact that the close friendship that had always existed between the two countries had continued to grow was an eloquent testimony of the success of Mr. Bajpai's assignment in Ottawa.

Referring to Mr. Bajpai as a "distinguished diplomat and a friend of Canada", Mr. Lablanc said he had assisted Canadians to gain better knowledge of India's problems. This, coupled with Mr. Bajpai's understanding of Canadian points of view, had done much to cement the edifice of Canadian-Indian friendship.

ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES

Replying, the High Commissioner said that Indo-Canadian relations had moved from adolescence to adulthood ever since Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to Canada in 1973. This was followed by a very useful visit by an official Canadian delegation to India, where ways and means were discussed for further strengthening economic, commercial and cultural relations between the two countries.

In view of India's recent tremendous economic growth and the desire of both countries to diversify and expand their economic relations with other countries, he said, it would be opportune for India and Canada seriously to consider increasing economic co-operation between them.

Regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy, Mr. Bajpai pointed out that events had proved that Canadian apprehensions of India undertaking a programme of nuclear weaponry were unfounded. India had repeatedly explained in 1974 and still maintained that it had no such intentions or ambitions. Moreover, this year's elections had proved India's continued commitment to democracy. When old established democratic nations were questioning the validity of the existing institutions, developments in India should, he said, be viewed as a process of evolution rather than aberration.

The luncheon was attended by select members of Parliament and senior officials of the Departments of External Affairs and Industry, Trade and Commerce and CIDA.

Mr. Bajpai, who has been posted as Ambassador to Switzerland, will be succeeded in Canada by Mahboob Ahmed, presently Ambassador in Indonesia.

Consultancy services to be boosted

New Delhi, Mar. 15 (Samachar) The government has appointed a group of experts to recommend steps to promote expansion of Indian consultancy services abroad, official sources said.

The sources said these services were gaining in popularity in other countries and the official machinery was being geared to remove all constraints on this new export sector. These services fetched India Rs. 4 crore ($4.4 million) last year. They said these services had a potential of becoming a catalyst for raising India's exports substantially from the current year's target of Rs 5,000 crore ($5,555 million).

Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank of India is working out proposals for revising the guidelines for export finance to cover consultancy and overseas construction activity in which Indian firms are engaged.

Many of the firms are now in a position to offer a total package from conception to commissioning of industrial plants and have developed adequate expertise in civil infrastructure, power generation, transmission, and distribution, irrigation and flood control, mining and geology, iron and steel and non-ferrous metallurgical industries, public health engineering railways, architecture and town planning, consumer industries, fertilisers and petro-chemicals, drugs and management consultancy including computer technology.

Coal exports

Bhopal, March 10 (Samachar): The state-owned Coal India Limited produced 71.51 million tonnes of coal in the first ten months of the current financial year, its Chairman Lt. Gen K.S. Garewal said recently.

Lt. Gen. Garewal said 17 million tonnes of this total production was contributed by 52 collieries of Madhya Pradesh. He said these collieries' output was expected to reach 31 million tonnes by 1983-84.

Besides meeting demand at home, Indian coal is exported to Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Taiwan, Japan, Burma and Bangladesh.

President's rule in Nagaland extended

New Delhi, March 12 (Samachar): The Upper House of Parliament approved an official resolution extending the President's Rule in Nagaland for another year from March 26, 1977.

Home Minister K. Brahmananda Reddy, who moved the resolution, said complete peace and tranquility had been brought about in the territory and its Governor felt that another year of President's Rule would help further consolidate the progress.

Nagaland has been under the President's Rule since March 22, 1975.

RS 250 CRORE GARMENTS EXPORTED

Readymade garments fetched India Rs. 250 crores ($227 million) in 1975-76, marking over a 14 fold increase in exports in five years. The country exported Rs. 18 crore ($20 million) worth of readymade garments in 1971-72.

Releasing a report on readymade garment industry in Gujarat, Mr. R.R. Prasad, Director of The Small Industries Service Institute, told reporters recently exports earnings were expected to reach Rs. 1,000 crores ($1,110 million) by 1980.

WORLD'S LARGEST ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Sanjay Gandhi, Youth Congress Leader addressing an election rally at Mau Village in his constituency of Amethi in U.P.

Jayaprakash Narayan addressing a public meeting after his release from detention. He is presently in Hospital and his tape-recorded speech is played at all election meetings of the opposition.

A Procession in New Delhi Demanding Release of George Fernandes.

Jagjivan Ram, Chairman of the Congress for Democracy [Right] is confident that the Janata Party will get a majority in the forthcoming elections to form the government.

H.N. Bahuguna, former Chief Minister of U.P. [Left] is equally confident of victory.

Reports [at the time of writing] suggests that the Congress and the Opposition are certain of 200 seats each. The remaining 140 seats will be the deciding factor.

Mrs. Vijay Laxmi Pandit, aunt of Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi addressing an election meeting in support of Congress for Democracy [Opposition Party] at Gandhi grounds in Patna.

Sheik Adbulla addressing an election campaign in Srinagar.

More racial incidents in Ottawa?

Ottawa: It was Wednesday, March 2nd and Jay Ramnath, a grade 13 student at Glebe Collegiate was waiting alone at a bus stop. At 4:20 p.m. two young people stopped their car in front of him, one of them got out, snatched the brief case off, hurried back into the car and speeded off. Ramnath was of course confused and says he ran after the car a few yards.

The case was of course reported to the police. However, due to lack of evidence this episode seems to have ended where it started. There is no witness; not even the license number of the car is known. Ramnath is now left without the entire year's notes.

Other than trying to spoil a boy's future or plant a few seeds of fear in him what else could have been the intentions of those young rowdies. Ramnath says they were strangers to him.

Ramnath appeared to be not very upset about the whole thing, of course he has to work harder. He says during his five years at the school he had not faced any problems, not even name calling and hopes that this kind of incident will not happen again.

His father is naturally very concerned about how it could affect his son's career. He also believes it was a racial attack and is very much worried about the future of East Indians here as a community and says "we will all get beaten up, each one of us" and the police or the government do not seem to be intetested in doing anything about it. He also says the family had trouble in one area where they were living before and therefore moved to another area.

Trustee urges compulsory multiculturalism curriculum

The Ottawa Board of Education has indicated to the Ontario Ministry of Education that "Canada's Multicultural heritage be a major concern in the intermediate History Curriculum" in all Ontario Schools. Such a motion was unaniously adopted by the Board at the initiative of Dr. John Samuel, a newly-elected trustee of the Board.

Dr. Samuel, who was president of Ottawa's Multicultural Council, pointed out to his fellow trustees that "the unity of Canadian nation stands threatened currently" and that "recent developments in some cities of Ontario have demonstrated a lack of understanding of certain ethno-cultural groups in the Province."

The motion also urged other school boards in Ontario to indicate the same to Ontario Ministry of Education.

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3. The age of majority is 18 years.
4. Applicants from all countries are treated equally.

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For further details write or visit the Court of Canadian Citizenship nearest you. Or contact: The Registrar of Canadian Citizenship, 130 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M5.

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Basford admits racial hatred in Canada

Ottawa, March 2nd: Canada has good international record but that does not make up free of racial prejudice and we should not sit back saying we have no problems said Justice Minister Ron Basford at a multiracial get-together here.

The dinner meeting was arranged by the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, at the Confederation Room in the West Block of the Parliament. Mr. Basford said we are not a nation free of discrimination. "We have a lot of people who are aggressive and full of hatred toward people of other colors, religions and races" he said.

The minister said there have been incidents of racial attack and name calling in different cities including his own riding in Vancouver. Mr. Basford also talked about the Human Rights Bill now before the House. He said the Bill was invented to fight discrimination in the public service and other areas under federal jurisdiction. There are other sections that deal with sexual discrimination, equal pay for work of equal value, etc. He added no amount of law will eradicate prejudice and discrimination unless each of us individually remove hatred from our hearts.

The audience consisted of Senators, Members of Parliament, head boys and girls of the Ottawa schools. It was arranged to discuss the problems of Canada's racial minority groups. This group was the ideal one for that in the sense that there were leaders of today and leaders of tomorrow and representatives of those who are facing the problem and some who have gone through it in the past.

Navin Parekh talked about the (East) Indian community and problems it faces and what Canadians and the governments at different levels can do to help overcome them. He invited the students to point out why the East Indians are not liked and what one can do about it.

A very interesting and useful discussion that followed lasted about an hour and a half. During the discussion the students said that the minorities stick together and they are not adapting to Canadian ways fast enough and how their parents and relatives are afraid about the changing composition of the predominantly white Canadian society, etc.

Several of the students talked about how well students of different background and racial origin are getting along in their schools and how much they learn from each other and what a rewarding and useful experience they have, etc.

In general the students showed their willingness to face the challenge of multicracial society. Thus the evening closed on a rather optimistic note.

More programs like this one should be encouraged.

Yamini Krishnamurti to perform at NAC

Yamini Krishnamurti, India's foremost classical dancer and a virtuoso of the dance art of South India, renowned the world over for her innovative presentation of the classical style of **Bharat Natyam** and the romantic style of **Kuchipudi**, will be performing for the first time in the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on Monday, March 28, at 8 P.M.

Yamini Krishnamurti, currently on her first professional tour of the United States arranged by the Asia Society of New York, has been described by the **New York Times** as "a brilliant technician and a vibrant yet never glamorous performer who knows how to hold her audience ... and her performance has been called 'outstanding'." Yamini made her New York debut on February 24 at Alice Tully Hall to an enthusiastic full house.

Yamini Krishnamurti has represented India officially at various International Festivals including the Commonwealth Arts Festival held in 1965 in the U.K. She has won wide acclaim in various countries of Europe, the USSR, New Zealand, Australia, Burma and Mexico. She represented India at the Expo '67 in Montreal. To quote the **Sunday Times**: "She is a wonderful dancer, strong, subtle, sinuous, seductive and godlike."

In India, Yamini has danced to

most visiting Heads of State in recent years. In addition to traditional honours and distinctions she has also been awarded "Padma Shri" by the Government of India.

Yamini Krishnamurti's forte in her stage-presentations is her sense of identity with her art-form; in her case it is truly impossible to separate the dance from the dancer. In the result her communicative power has evoked unfailing and unstinted response from her audiences the world over.

Yamini Krishnamurti is accompanied by a group of four musicians.

MONTREAL NEWS

By Sarasi Raj

SITAR

Ravi Shankar was in Montreal recently giving concerts and conducting workshops. At this time he performed with the McGill Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Alexander Brott. The program started with orchestra and Ravi Shankar joined it after a while. Shanker played with James Faraday on bongos instead of Tabla. The ragas Adana and Manj Kamaj were chosen because they were evening ragas, and it was played very well by Ravi Shankar. The blending of East and West was really exotic and interesting.

NIRVANA

Rahul Sampathra gave a concert for an hour at Red Path Hall, McGill on March 5, after a long talk by Rev. Gunarathna on "Nirvana". The talk was about "being and becoming". Gunarathna said "To attain Nirvana one has to meditate. By meditating one attains enlightenment. The enlightenment leads one to the final stage of Nirvana. By meditating one develops concentration. One requires concentration to meditate." After his speech the audience were eagerly awaiting Rahul's devine sitar music. Rahul took the raga Kirvani for the evening. As usual he took the entire audience to a different world and made them spellbound with his enchanting music artistry.

INDIA NIGHT

An 'India Night' was organized on February 25 at Sivananda Yoga Vedanta. There was a large gathering and Dewan C.J. who gave a talk in the beginning leads the Hindu Mission in Montreal. After the talk there was a demonstration comparing Bharathanatya poses with Yoga Postures. Your correspondent explained while her daughter Kalpalatha posed yoga postures followed by a dance show by Kalpalatha. In the interval Mrs. Jayanthi Ramanan sang few Bhajans.

Dependence on foreign aid reduced

Gross aid as a proportion of net domestic capital formation at current prices was 32.1 per cent in 1967-68 and in 1974-75 it was 14 per cent.

Also the proportion of imports financed by gross flow of assistance has declined from 60 per cent in 1967-68 to about 30 per cent in 1974-75. This means more imports are now being financed out of India's earned resources.

In absolute terms, gross aid decreased from Rs. 1196 crores $1330 million in 1967-68 to Rs. 999 crores in 1973-74. In the following year it increased to Rs. 1,337 crores $1485 million mainly because of worldwide inflation and sharp rise in oil prices, the release points out.

School boards to promote racial harmony

Metro Toronto's seven Board of Education have promised to adopt special programs to increase racial tolerance and harmony" in the classrooms.

Dr. Wilson Head, chairman of the Urban Alliance Council who headed the Alliance's delegation at the meeting, said that the Chairman and Directors of the Boards of Education of Toronto, East York, York, North York, Scarborough, Etobicoke and the Separate School Board, were "quite responsive" to their proposals.

"We met with them in order to discuss how best we can promote racial tolerance in the schools," he said.

The meeting was in response to a request from the Alliance. Al Hershkovitz, associate chairman of the group wrote that they were concerned about curriculum changes and the need for teachers to understand and appreciate the cultures of the different ethnic groups ... do not meet the immediate problems of racial hostility facing the schools and local communities today."

The letter continued: "The schools must work with community agencies for the purposes of remedial action.

What is immediately needed is not more research, but to find ways of applying existing knowledge toward hardening the attitude of young people against racism."

Dr. Head said that Toronto, North York and Scaborough have hired special staff to promote racial understanding, and that meeting will be held with individual school boards to explore more definite programs of activities. "Toronto is ahead in this respect of racial promotion," he said.

He said that the talks were also centred around the need for a change in the schools' curriculum, text books, professional development days and talks on racial tolerance by various ethnic leaders.

(Contrast)

Medal for Carson

We would like to urge our readers to nominate James Carson (Ombudsman's Office, Toronto) for the **ONTARIO MEDAL** for Good Citizenship.

A person who - through selfless humanity and kindness without expecting anything in return - has made this Ontario a better province to live.

Mr. Carson recently went to the aid of two coloured young men who were getting beaten-up by hooligans in a Toronto subway station, while many were watching without interfering.

Nomination forms are available by writing to Executive Secretary, Advisory Council, Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario - M7A 1A1.

All nominations should be received by April 15, 1977. Don't put off; Do it now.

Indian girl in Teen Canada contest

Toronto, March 7: Darcia Bains, representing Victoria, B.C., became the second runner-up at the Miss Teen Canada beauty contest held here.

There were 29 contestants from different parts of Canada.

INDIA TO BUILD ELECTRICAL PROJECT IN SAUDI ARABIA

New Delhi, March 10 (Samachar): India has been offered a contract for a big electrification project in Saudi Arabia costing over $50 million.

The offer follows discussion between visiting Saudi Arabian Industry and Electricity Minister Ghazi Al-Qusaibi and Indian Industry Minister T.A. Pai.

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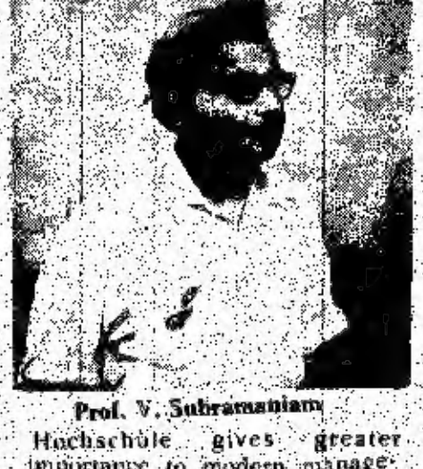
Dr.Subramaniam to be visiting professor in Germany

Professor V. Subramaniam of the Department of Political Science at Caleton University, Ottawa will be holding two visiting professorships simultaneously from mid-April to the end of July this summer at the Heidelberg University and also at the German Higher Civil Service Training College in West Germany.

Each one of these visiting professorships is considered prestigious in itself and Professor Subramaniam will belong to a very small group of scholars who have held two such appointments together.

The University of Heidelberg is one of the most highly reputed and oldest universities in Germany. Many Indian scientists know it as one of the Meccas for nuclear research. Its reputation in the social sciences is equally high and the founding father of modern Sociology, Max Weber adorned its faculty for the best part of his academic life. Prof. Subramaniam will be attached to the South Asian Institute of the University.

The German Higher Civil Service Training College of the Hochschule Fur Verwaltungwissenschaften as it is called, was founded after the Second World War to give a new direction to higher civil service training in Germany. The traditinal training was strongly legal and the



Prof. V. Subramaniam

Hochschule gives greater importance to modern management science and decision methodology. The trainees are higher civil servants in their early thirties. Prof. Subramaniam will be lecturing on comparative bureaucracies and decision theory in both of which fields he has an international reputation.

As Professor at the Indian National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie in 1964-65, he has trained about six hundred of India's Class I civil servants.

He took his doctorate at the Australian National University and has taught at universities in all the five continents by now. His earlier appointments include the distinguished Simon Senior Fellowship (endowed by Lord Simon) at Manchester University for 1960-61.

NACOI to meet on Human Rights

A meeting will be held under the auspices of the Ottawa Chapter of the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India (NACOI) on Monday, April 4, 1977 at the Public Service Alliance Building, 233 Gilmour Street (at Metcalfe), Ottawa, at 7.30 p.m. The theme will be Race Relations and Law and speakers will be:

Bromley Armstrong — Commissioner and Chairman of Law Enforcement, Liaison Committee, Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Naison Mawande — Director, Conciliation and Compliance Branch, Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Evelyn Gigantes, M.P.P.

A question period will follow.

Illicit brew kills 100

Ahmedabad, March 13 (Samachar): A hundred persons have died here so far after consuming illicit liquor.

Police said they had arrested five persons in this connection.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Home Minister Jashwant Mehta tendered his resignation to the State's Chief Minister M. Solanki saying he felt morally responsible for the tragedy. Later, however, he withdrew the resignation on the advice of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Mr. Solanki.

Pattammal to perform in Ottawa

There are two great traditions in South Indian classical music the more popular Tyagaraja tradition with its medium tempo and the Dikshitar tradition with its grand slow tempo. Most classical musicians both male and female belong to the former but D.K. Pattammal belongs to the latter.

It is a grand tradition as it emphasizes the full unfolding of a Raga in all its glory. Each composition is rendered with steady grace. To this aspect of the tradition Pattammal adds her own superb mastery of Tala thus enriching that tradition.

Pattammal has a further distinction in her very deep voice of a comparatively lower pitch than most singing female voices. This gives extra-ordinary emphasis to each Gamaka.

She has accumulated several honours including the coveted presidentship of the Music Academy of Madras with its title Sangita Kalanidhi meaning the treasurehouse of musical art. She was recently honoured again by the Academy for her mastery of the compositions of Dikshitar.

Her brother D.K. Jayaraman, a virtuoso in his own right usually sings along with his sister adding richness to the performance.

The violin accompaniment is provided by Mr. Ananthakrishnan who has accompanied her frequently and follows her style well. The Mridangam or drum accompaniment is provided by her son E. Sivakumar a talented student of that doyen of Mridangam artists, Palghat Mani Iyer.

Altogether it is a formidable combination of great talent and a grand tradition.

They will be giving a concert under the auspices of the South India Cultural Association and the Caleton U. Indo-Canada Club at Studio A, Music Dept., Loeb building at Carleton University on 27 March evening at 7 p.m.

Tickets (adults $4.00 students $3.00) and information may be obtained from Prof. V. Subramaniam 231-6676, Dr. Balasubrahmanyam 731-2738, Vasanthi Srinivasan 829-0504, and S.K. Krishanaswamy 234-8234. They are also available at the India Food Centre 234-2606.

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- early infant stimulation programs, parent relief and development projects
- access for developmentally handicapped people to a full range of community services.

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For more information, or to receive the free booklet "Serving the Mentally Retarded," contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office, or write to:

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Kitchen Korner

Mrs. Pranati SenGupta

My mother's way of preparing and cooking the okra is most fascinating and the best way I have found. Handle each pod with care, first rinse them under cold water and then spread them out on a heavy towel or paper towel to dry. Then with a paring knife peel the outer part off the head of each one, being careful not to cut into the seeds, or they will bleed and become glutinous when cooked. Each okra should be intact, with its juice sealed in.

1 lb. fresh young okra (bhindi)
20 whole small white onions, peeled
4 med. tomatoes, sliced
½ cup lemon juice and ¼ cup water
1½ tsp. sugar and 1 tsp. salt
2 green chilies, cut into ½ inch pieces
4 cloves of garlic, minced
½ tsp. cumin powder

Cut and dry okra as directed. In a large skillet heat ½ inch oil and fry the okra until tender, but still green. Remove okra and fry onions in that oil until golden and remove onion with a slotted spoon. Pour off all but 1 tbsp. of oil and cook garlic, chili and cumin for about 30 seconds. Put a layer of tomatoes on top of garlic mixture; then cover with okra. Make a hole in center and fill with the fried onions. Pour lemon juice and water. Sprinkle salt and sugar. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer for 10 min. Uncover and simmer few more minutes, until most of the liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle chopped coriander leaves and serve with paratha.

VEGETABLE DELIGHT

If ever a vegetable was maltreated it is the potato. Most of the vitamin is stored directly under the skin, and most of it is lost after heavy peeling. Boiled potatoes can be served in their jackets, or peeled before serving. Clean new potatoes before cooking with a medium soft brush; scrub older ones thoroughly, removing all traces of soil.

2 large oval baking potatoes
½ lb. mushrooms
½ cup finely chopped onion
4 green onions, minced
3 tbsp. ghee
½ cup sour cream
2 tbsp. chopped coriander leaves
1 tsp. each finely chopped gingerroot and green chili
½ cup slivered almond

Cut potatoes (without peeling) in lengthwise. Hollow out the centers to make cups or boat shapes. Parboil for 8 to 10 minutes in boiling water. Drain and (peel if you wish) dry them. Deep fry potato until they are well browned. Drain well and sprinkle them with salt.

FILLING:

Trim and mince mushrooms, put them in a tea towl, a hand full at a time and squeeze out the moisture. In a skillet heat ghee, saute the onion for 2 minutes. Add mushroom and green onions and cook until the moisture has evaporated. Stir in chili, gingerroot, salt and sour cream. Remove from heat and mix in coriander leaves and 1/3 cup of almonds. Fill the potato cup with mushroom filling; and sprinkle remaining nuts on top. Broil for few minutes, or until nuts are lightly brown. Serve while they are hot.

Dr. George heads grants selection committee

Dr. J.C. George, Professor of Zoology, University of Guelph, Ontario, was in Ottawa recently, as Chairman of the nine-member Animal Biology Grants Selection Committee of the National Research Council of Canada.

This Committee is responsible for review of applications within the purview of its expertise from individuals and groups for grants in aid of research, making recommendations on the grants to be awarded, providing specific recommendations for the administration of the grants, formulating recommendations for consideration by NRC on various aspects of the programs in which the Committee is involved, recommending awards on major equipment grants and also paying site visits to University departments prior to the review of applications.

Dr. George is an internationally recognized authority on the physiology of muscle, muscular energetics and animal migration. He has published over 230 research papers and a book. Dr.

Dr. J. C. George.

George was formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India, before he moved with his family to Canada in 1967. He was born in Kerala and educated in Bombay. His father, Professor C.J. George, now living in retirement in Dharwar, India, is also an eminent Professor of Zoology.

P.F. Mamta, Regional Director USA and Canada, Air-India, with some of the Attendants chosen for the United Airlines/Air-India Hostess Exchange Program (Left to Right) Jo Anne Meerlean, Becky Binkley, Eva Perdaris, P.F. Mahta, Anita Sethi (Air-India Hostess), Sandra Schafer and Mary Ann Wold.

Indo-American cooperation thro' airlines

It's difficult to say who is in for a bigger treat next month - United Airlines or Air-India passengers.

Between March 1 and 25, five United flight attendants will change places with five Air-India counterparts to act as goodwill ambassadors in India while the Air-India hostesses will fly the friendly skies.

The uniformed United flight attendants will fly on Air-India routes from Bombay to Kuwait, London, New York and Rome as extra crew members. They will promote the United States and United Airlines to Air-India passengers.

In addition, the United flight attendants will be honored at official receptions attended by Air-India, United and government officials and local journalists at Bombay and Rome. They also will be escorted to New Delhi and Agra, site of the Taj Mahal.

Air-India flight attendants specially trained to answer questions on Tourism to India, will fly as part of United's crews from New York to Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Denver, Chicago, Cleveland and Washington, D.C. Time will be taken out in these cities to see the sights.

These goodwill ambassadors promoting their country and airlines, will wear their inflight uniforms - traditional embroidered silk saris, veils and silver jewelry - and will welcome United passengers aboard with the traditional "Namaste" greeting.

To make the whole thing more fun, the Air-India hostesses will come bearing gifts - inflight games and Indian tea. On some United flights, an Indian sweet "Rasmalai" will also be served for dessert.

Among the activities planned for the India-based flight attendants are, receptions in Washington, D.C. and New York. The visitors also will tour United's corporate headquarters and flight attendant training center near Chicago.

United participants in the exchange program include: Becky Binkley, New York; Jo Anne McErlean, Los Angeles; Eva Perdaris, Denver; Sandy Schafer, Washington, D.C. and Mary Ann Wold, Seattle.

The Air-India hostesses are Anita Sethi, Cheryl O'Connor, Mahrukh Chikliwala, Roshan Ollia and Jyoti Aney.

Doshi appointed

The Indian community of Queens, N.Y. will have a member of its own to represent it at the local community government. Mahendra Doshi has been appointed a member of Community Board No. 7 (Queens) by the Queens Borough President, Donald R. Manes, effective January 1, 1977 for a period of one year.

As a member Community Board, Mr. Doshi will have inputs in all local affairs of Flushing regarding its zoning changes, use of local services in community, housing, building, police and fire, etc. His appointment was partly sparked by the need felt by local civic and political leaders for the participation of newer immigrants, which constitute a great portion of Queens population, in local affairs for revitalizing a community like Flushing.

The Editor of Whos Who Among Indian Immigrants in USA, Mr. Doshi lives with his wife Bhairavi in Flushing. A native of Calcutta, India, he came to the U.S. in 1967.

Vedanta society

Vedanta Society of Toronto celebrated BHAGAVAN SRI RAMAKRISHNA'S BIRTHDAY on February 20, 1977. Large number of devotees attended the celebration and participated in Worship, Devotional Songs, Readings from Gospel and Prayers. After the Arati, Prasad was distributed.

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New Air India representative in Toronto

P.K. Sinha

Mr. Sinha has just recently joined Air India Toronto as sales representative.

Mr. Sinha was previously a resident sales representative with Air India in Patna, India, for a period of four years. He was also in Delhi for a period of two years as sales promotion officer.

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